

SESSION GUIDE



Week Eight – February 27 - March 4, 2012



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Rule Reminder

Summary of [House Rule 7.11\(e\)](#):

The notice deadline is now 4:30 p.m. the day before committee or subcommittee meetings (including Saturdays, Sundays and official state holidays).

Date to Remember

After Sunday, March 4, 2012:

The Special Order Calendar shall be published in only one Calendar of the House and may be taken up on the day the Calendar is published. Please see [House Rule 10.11\(a\)\(3\)](#).

Main floor amendments must be approved for filing no later than two hours before session is scheduled to convene on the day a bill appears on the Special Order Calendar in the Calendar of the House. See [House Rule 12.2\(b\)\(1\)](#).

Adhering amendments must be approved for filing no later than one hour after the main floor amendment deadline. See [House Rule 12.2\(b\)\(2\)](#).

Note: no House Bills on second reading may be taken up and considered by the House. See [House Rule 10.18](#).

The daily printed Calendar of the House can be found on the [Calendars page](#) of the House website.

House Business

House Rules and Calendar Committee Chair Aubuchon recently clarified for Members the House protocol on determining whether to hear the House or Senate version of a bill when the House has both bills in its possession. To efficiently and effectively pass legislation in accordance with the constitution, the Legislature commonly follows the protocol below during session:

- If the Senate bill arrives in the House while the House is still in possession of the companion, the Senate bill becomes the vehicle.
- Similarly, if the House passes a bill first and sends it to the Senate, the House bill becomes the vehicle.

Authorized Session Times

During week eight, the House is authorized to be in session on the following days and times:

Monday, February 27- 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Tuesday, February 28- 10 a.m. – until completion

Wednesday, February 29- 10 a.m. – completion

Thursday, March 1- 10 a.m. - until completion

Friday, March 2- 10 a.m. - until completion

Be sure to frequently check the [House Calendar](#) in week eight, as actual meeting times may change to accommodate upcoming budget conference committee meetings and other rapidly-changing priorities.